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SUBJ: PAYMENT FOR TRADE UNIONIST TO LEAVE BRAZIL

REF: (A) CARACAS 3898
(B) FOSTER/POVENMIRE FONCON APRIL 27

REQUEST LABATT RELAY GIST OF FOLLOWING TO VISITING IRO-FIET REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVE ELMER FOSTER.

1. CARLOS PINTO, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF IRO-FIET, VISITED
LABATT APRIL 28 AT HIS INITIATIVE TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS REGARDING
PAY OFF TO FEDERAL POLICE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMIT FOR
ARGENTINE TRADE UNIONIST CARLOS COLAZO.

2. FACTS AS STATED REFTEL ARE CONSISTENT WITH PINTO'S STATEMENT OF
CASE, EXCEPT THAT TOTAL PAYMENT PINTO SEEKING IS 3,600 DOLLARS,
(60,000 CRUZEIROS EQUIVALENT AS HE RECEIVED ONE CHECK FROM FOSTER
FOR 360 DOLLARS ON APRIL 27.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL DETAILS, AS STATED BY PINTO:

--- LETTER OF MARCH 18 FROM EDIL ARTEGOITIA ASKED PINTO TO SEE
THAT COLAZO GOT TO CARACAS, "OVERCOMING ANY DIFFICULTY."

--- COLAZO TOLD PINTO HE FEARED HE WOULD BE ARRESTED IF HE

VISITED THE ARGENTINE CONSULATE TO OBTAIN A NEW PASSPORT. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS UNION DIRECTORATE HAD BEEN RECENTLY RE-ARRESTED BUT HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING TO URUGUAY, THUS IT WAS DOUBTFUL THE ARGENTINES WOULD PROVIDE A NEW PASSPORT OR RENEW HIS EXPIRED ONE.

--- THE RIO TRAVEL AGENT (BELTUR), A LONG STANDING CONTACT OF PINTO'S, TOLD HIM THAT COULD ARRANGE FOR THE FEDERAL POLICE TO "CLOSE THEIR EYES" TO COLAZO'S LACK OF AN EXIT PERMIT BUT IT WOULD COST (AN UNSPECIFIED) SUM OF MONEY.

--- COLAZO'S PAN AM FLIGHT TO CARACAS WAS DUE TO LEAVE SATURDAY, APRIL 1, AND COLAZO WENT THROUGH POLICE IMMIGRATION CONTROLS. PLANE'S DEPARTURE WAS DELAYED UNTIL SUNDAY, APRIL 2, WHEN NEW SHIFT OF POLICE ON DUTY AND NEW DOCUMENT CHECK WAS REQUIRED.

--- PINTO HAD ASSUMED PAY OFF REQUIRED WOULD APPROXIMATE 300 DOLLARS. TRAVEL AGENT CALLED APRIL 3 TO SAY FEDERAL POLICE CONTACT WAS DEMANDING 3,600 DOLLARS, HALF FOR LOCAL CHIEF AND REMAINDER FOR THREE SUBORDINATES, AND THREATENING TO LIFT TRAVEL AGENT'S LICENSE IF NOT PAID. TRAVEL AGENT CLAIMS TO HAVE PAID 30,000 CRUZEIROS ON ACCOUNT.

--- PINTO FEARS POLICE WILL CHARGE HIM WITH HELPING "COMMUNIST" TO LEAVE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY.

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--- PINTO CLAIMED "HE HAD UNDERSTOOD" FOSTER TO SAY, DURING TELEPHONE CALL APRIL 27, THAT EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE MONEY TO PAY OFF HIS OBLIGATION. LABATT NOTED THAT IN SEPARATE CALL FOSTER HAD ASKED HIM TO ONLY ASCERTAIN FACTS.

--- PINTO WILL TRY TO TEMPORIZE WHILE AWAITING FURTHER WORD FROM IRO-FIET PRESIDENT ISMARIO GONZALEZ IN VENEZUELA.

2. COMMENT: IT IS A BAD SHOW ALL AROUND. PINTO IS IN POOR SHAPE PHYSICALLY BUT SEEMS TO BE HOLDING UP EMOTIONALLY FOR THE TIME BEING.
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